

<b>Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	<i>Application No.</i>	09/447,500
	<i>Filing Date</i>	November 23, 1999
	<i>Named Inventor(s)</i>	
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	<i>Group/Art Unit</i>	2131
<i>Examiner Name</i>	M. Vaughn	
<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	05456.105034	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/39) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1222 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on July 7, 2004. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Miscellaneous**

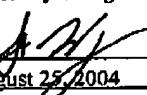
- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.
  - i.  RCE Fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) (\$770.00)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (\$420.00-two month )
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

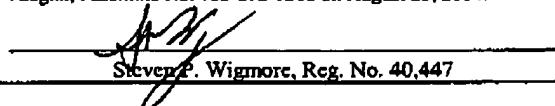
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